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SUBJ: OLD SHIPS FOR SCRAP

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1. A LONG-TIME GOOD CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY, MAJ GEN(RETired)
MARIO AGUILAR BENITEZ, FORMER CHIEF OF FABRICACIONES MILITARES,
HAS CONSULTED US CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPS FOR BREAKING
UP FOR SCRAP.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON AN URGENT
BASIS:

A) WHAT TYPES AND TONNAGES OF SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?
B) WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?
C) ARE THEY THE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?
D) ON WHAT TERMS ARE THEY AVAILABLE?
E) ARE THERE ANY SHIPS CAPABLE OF MOVING TO ARGENTINA UNDER
THEIR OWN POWER OR WOULD ALL HAVE TO BE TOWED?
F) TO BE EXEMPTED FROM CURRENT EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS,
WOULD A SHIP HAVE TO BE EXPORTED AS A SHIP OR COULD IT BE
BROKEN UP IN A U.S. YARD WITH THE RESULTING SCARP BEING ELIGIBLE
FOR EXPORT WITHOUT PRIOR PERMIT?
G) ARE ANY SHIPS AVAILABLE FROM GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SOURCES
WHICH COULD MAKE THE TRIP TO ARGENTINA AS THEIR LAST VOYAGE FOR
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DECOMMISSIONING AND SCRAPPING ON ARRIVAL?

3. GENERAL AGUILAR BENITEZ HAS CONSULTED WITH SEVERAL STEEL FIRMS WITH WHICH HE HAS CLOSE RELATIONS, AND TELLS US THERE IS STRONG INTEREST IN PURCHASING UP TO 100,000 TONS IF TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE. FROM THEIR STANDPOINT, IDEAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE TO HAVE SOME SHIPS BROKEN UP IN U.S. YARDS AND LOAD THE RESULTING SCRAP AS CARGO ON OTHER SHIPS BOUGHT FOR SCRAP MAKING LASY VOYAGE TO ARGENTINA.

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